Appointment of sub-contractors by ONGC

3637. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian parties which were given contracts by the ONGC have further appointed sub-contractors who are foreigners and are not doing the jobs by themselves; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Bidders participating in tenders floated by ONGC are permitted to avail of the services of sub-contractors provided the latter posses the requisite experience prescribed in the tender and the bidder intimates and obtains the prior approval of ONGC in the matter.

Request of Pondicherry Government for supply of gas

3638. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pondicherry Government has requested the ONGC for the supply of gas from Tanjore District in Tamil Nadu to Karaikal in Pondicherry to set up a gas-based power plant in that region;

(b) if so, what action the ONGC has taken thereon; and

(c) what is the quantity of gas likely to be supplied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The Pondicherry State Electricity Board have requested ONGC to supply gas for the proposed power plant at Karaikal.

(b) and (c) ONGC have registered the demand; no commitment has been made for supply of gas.

MOU signed between the Ministry and ONGC

3639. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC and his Ministry have signed a fresh Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for 1988-89; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Memorandum of Understanding for 1988-89 relates inter-alia to the following:

(i) Physical and financial targets set out for achievement by ONGC during 1988-89.

(ii) Broad time limits for government clearances.

(iii) Proposals for timely and realistic investment decisions.

(iv) Mobilisation of resources by ONGC and budgetary support from the Government.

(v) Delegation of powers to ONGC.

Distribution of power to Southern States

3640. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the States included in the Southern region for distribution of power generated from power projects under the control of Central Government; and

(b) what is the formula adopted for the distribution of power from such power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The following States/